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Serial No.: 10/046,792 /
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Title: **SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE
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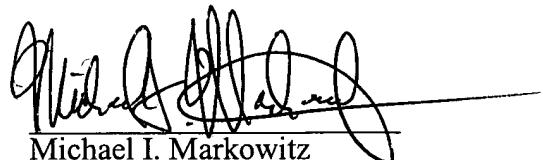
SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 24, 2003, the period for responding thereto having been set to expire after March 24, 2003, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-13, for prosecution at this time. Applicant reserves the right to file

continuing application(s) based on claims 14-21. Early examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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